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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of September 22, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-16, 18, and 20-24 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 18-21, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Prince (US 6,597,935).

Claims 6, 9, 15-17, 22, and 23 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The Present Amendment

The present amendment cancels claim 1 and places claims 6 and 9 in independent form. Claims 2-5, 7, 8, and 11-14 have been amended to depend from claim 6. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 9. Claim 15 was placed in independent form in preceding Amendment A and claim 16 depends from claim 15. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 2-16 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from allowable claim 6. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 18 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 19 has been cancelled, and claim 22, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 22 and claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

Interview Summary

The applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiners Roy and Mantis-Mercader for the courtesy of a Telephone Interview on November 9, 2005. During the interview, the Prince patent was discussed in detail relative to claim 1. No agreement was reached regarding the patentability of claim 1.

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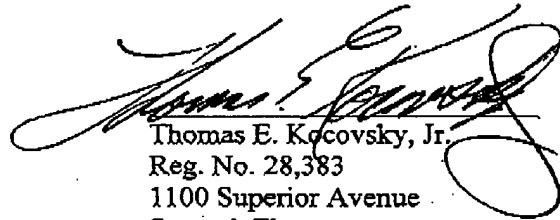
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 2-15, 18, and 20-24 are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at (216) 861-5582.

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